Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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November 1980

Total gas sales for the month of November were up 2.0 percent over November of 1979. For the first time since March of 1980, all sectors showed increases. Residential sales increased 3.2 percent, commercial sales increased 3.8 percent and industrial sales increased 0.2 percent. This month's gas sales brought the year to date figure to 13,650.6 trillions of Btu.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	November			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1980	1979	% Change	1980	%Change From Last Period	1979*	1980 Forecast[1]
Residential	402.5[2]	390.1	+ 3.2[2]	4,189.5	- 6.3	5,083.1	4,854.1
Commercial	207.4	199.9	+ 3.8	2,116.9	- 3.5	2,485.8	2,421.1
Industrial	639.3	638.1	+ 0.2	7,080.9	+ 2.5	7,555.0	7,724.6
Other	29.3	25.3	-	263.3	-	316.4	302.2
Total	1,278.5	1,253.4	+ 2.0	13,650.6	- 1.5	15,440.3	15,302.0
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	513	485	+ 5.7	(Degree days for November 2 to November 29)			

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

*1979 figures based on the 1979 Gas Facts.
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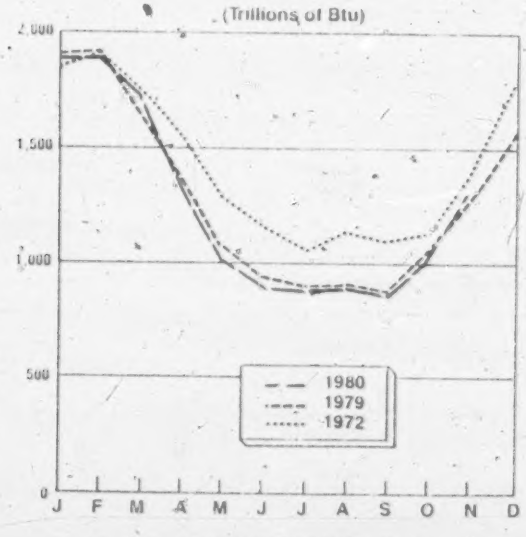
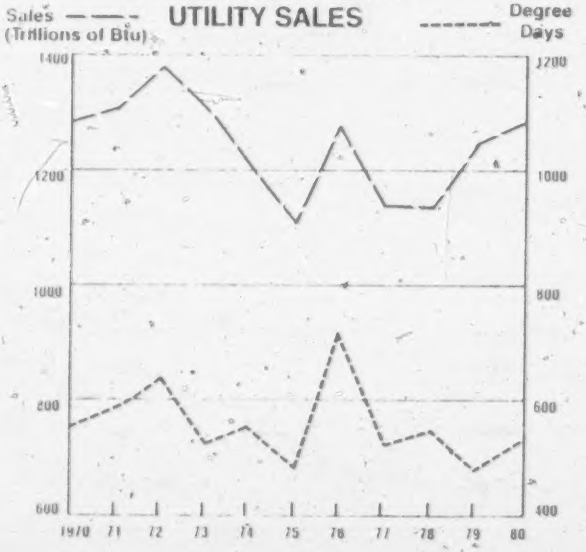
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

November

	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Domestic Range			
Gas	136.9	142.1	- 3.7
Electric	208.1	242.2	- 14.1
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	60.9	73.1	- 16.7
Electric	222.5	245.7	- 9.0
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	142.0	159.1	- 10.7
Electric	19.4	17.2	+ 12.8
Oil	6.8	9.9	- 31.3
Boilers			
Gas	25.4	29.0	- 12.4
Electric	0.3	0.3	- 6.1
Oil	6.5	8.0	- 19.2

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

November

	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	112.0	118.7	- 5.6
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	379.0	329.0	+ 15.2
Electricity	258.7	221.5	+ 16.8
Fuel Oil	589.8	497.3	+ 18.6
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	111.0	108.8	+ 2.0

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980					
1st Qtr.	2.97	3.31	3.17	2.61	1.94
2nd Qtr.	3.14	3.77	3.43	2.79	1.90
3rd Qtr.	3.18	4.36	3.57	2.89	2.03

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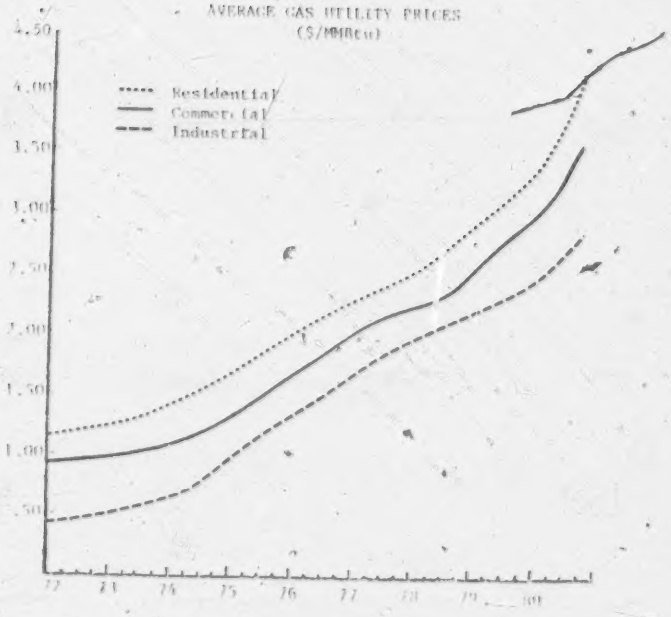
($/MMBtu)



[1] 1980 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months of 1980 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2] The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.